

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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POPULATION CONTROL DRIVE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to involve Industrial Houses, Cooperative Sectors, Private Health Sectors, Non-Governmental Organizations and Practitioners of indigenous medicine systems in the drive for population control under the National Rural Health Mission;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether involvement of private sector in population control will strengthen the health care delivery system; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)&(b): The National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), while increasing the outreach and coverage of comprehensive package of reproductive and child health services, seeks partnership with non-governmental health care providers through better regulation and transparent system of accreditation for quality health and family welfare services at agreed costs and norms. Given the wide diversity in the quality and costs of non-governmental providers, NRHM emphasizes the need for ethical partnerships based on delivery of services. Such partnership would enhance the availability of better health care facilities in the remote areas of the country. A large number of models of partnership have emerged in the course of implementing health programmes. The States have been permitted to select best practiced models as per the needs of the States. The NRHM also seeks to train the practitioners of Indian System of Medicines for advocacy and counseling. The Government has also setup Jansankhya Sthirata Kosh (JSK) as a registered body under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 to canalize resources from Government as well as voluntary organizations, corporate sector, industry, trade organizations, individuals etc. to aid projects of population stabilization.

(c)&(d): The involvement of non-governmental health sector organizations (NGOs) is critical important for the success of the NRHM, as these organizations are needed to extend health care delivery services in remote areas. NRHM seeks to provide linkages with the large number of trust and society managed hospitals and dispensaries in remote areas to see how best they could provide service guarantees to the poor. NRHM also recognizes the need for funding of activities by the NGOs at the District, State and National levels.